

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed November 2, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

Claims 2-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by El Ata. The El Ata application was filed on August 28, 2001. The present Application was filed on August 20, 1999. Though the El Ata application indicates that it is related to earlier filed applications, the El Ata application does not claim any benefit of priority to any earlier filed application. Therefore, the earliest effective filing date of the El Ata application is its August 28, 2001 filing date. Since the present Application has an effective filing date prior to the earliest effective filing date of the El Ata application, the El Ata application is not sufficient to anticipate the claims of the present invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2-12 are not anticipated by the El Ata application.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-0765 of Electronic Data Systems Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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